

# SWEDEN CONSENTS TO MAKE TERMS WITH STORTHING

## Will Negotiate for Settlement of Affairs With Norway.

## KING OSCAR'S SPEECH

Pathetic Utterances of Monarch—Declares He Has Played Fair.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, June 21.—The government this morning introduced a bill in the riksdag asking authority to enter into negotiations with the Norwegian storting to draw up a conditional settlement of affairs between the two

The premier, in an explanation to the riksdag, declared that the interests of Sweden would in no way be served by resorting to coercive acts in an effort to bring Norway back into the union.

**King Oscar's Speech.**

King Oscar, who has been deeply affected by the revolt of Norway from his rule, made a pathetic speech on this subject of the dissolution of the union to the council. Speaking to the council

The King said: "It is a painful step which the council of state calls on me to take. My conscience tells me that I have, during my long reign, always striven to ward the object I had in mind at the time of my accession, namely the welfare of the brother peoples. "It is truly painful to me to contribute to the dissolution of a union in which I thought I saw the independence, security, and happiness of the united kingdom. If, however, I am ready to act thus, it is in order to avoid a still worse evil, and in the conviction that the union and mutual accord would bring no real advantage."

### Conscience Is Clear.

"I have acted in accordance with my conscience and always in conformity with the constitution, and with the desire to work conscientiously for the true welfare of the two peoples.

"The bill presented to the riksdag does not aim at replying to injustice by acts of coercion. The union is not worth the sacrifices which acts of

In conclusion, the King expressed the hope that the people of Sweden would be guided by calmness and prudence and that the Government gave them strength and unity to regain within their own boundaries what they had lost in the revolt of Norway.

**To Settle All Questions.**  
The council had been prepared for the King's declaration by the speech of Premier Ramstedt, who preceded the

King. The premier declared that it is indispensable that negotiations should be entered into with Norway in order that all questions between them may be cleared up and definitely settled. He suggested the appointment of dele-

he said, would not be in a position to decide as to her definitive approval of the dissolution, and agree to the annulling of the act of union, until conditional settlement had been drawn up and fully considered by the riksdag.

The council then approved the bill which later was presented to the riksdag, which authorizes that the negotiations shall be begun.

As Norway has offered to meet Sweden half way in endeavoring to peaceably settle all questions relating to the dissolution, the action of today would seem to preclude any possibility of the two nations coming to blows.

**Swedes Sympathetic.**  
There is a great deal of sympathy

Sweden, who have opposed the movement rather from loyalty to the King than because they blame the King for the war.

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A final decision may not be reached for days to come.

ATTACHE WILL CONDUCT  
PAUL JONES CEREMONY

PARIS, June 21.—The American embassy here has delegated Captain Smith, the naval attaché, to have charge of arranging the details for the removal of the body of John Paul Jones, America's first admiral and to plan the ceremonies with which the event will be celebrated.

He will consult with M. Mollard, head of the French protocol, who will act in a similar capacity for France.

**COLONEL STAPLES GIVES  
AMBULANCE TO HOSPITAL**

Col. O. G. Staples, proprietor of the Riggs and National Hotels, has just presented the Casualty Hospital with an ambulance, horse and full set of harness. The vehicle was built specially to order by the McDermott Carriage Company, of this city, and is said to be the finest and most up to date in the United States.

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